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The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th. Street, SW Washington, DC 20554



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Dear Ms.. Abernathy:

l urge you <u>not</u> to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Respectfully.

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Commissioner Michael Copps Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

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Commissioner Copps:

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It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Allowing greater concentration and cross-ownership of media may have a profound impact on Americans' access to a wide range of news, information, programming and political commentary. To have a healthy democratic dialogue and participation on major issues, I believe it is important that we have access to a diversity of opinions and information, not a handful of options. Altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate and the marketplace of ideas. Rulemaking of this significance should therefore be open to public comment.

I also believe that, to stay democratic and free, we need to ensure diversity of opinion and the free exchange of ideas. It is imperative that there be the widest possible comment on any proposed rule so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

Once again, I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir:

How sad it is to see one of your skills and stature sell his soul to the media giants and claim it is for the common good....

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